

1935 Season
President – JR Jacob
Hon Secretary- WR Lewis/RSM AB Nix
Hon Treasurer- WR Lewis/Peter Lewis
Captain 1st X1- WR Lewis/H.Sharpe
Vice Captain 1st X1- H.Sharpe
2nd X1 Captain- Mr C Price
Thursday Capt-
Thursday Vice Captain-

In 1935 just after the start of the season the Club suffered a severe blow with the death of WR Lewis aged 44 years. Born 1891.



He died at home in Llangattock Park. Col Lewis was a man of genial disposition and had made a host of friends in many spheres in which he had displayed his activity. In military and sporting circles he was particularly prominent and the loss the Abergavenny Cricket Club may well be considered irreparable. The son of the late Mr ER Lewis JP who died just over a year ago, he was educated at the Monmouth Grammar School. He was commissioned in the 1st Brecknock Battalion in 1908. He mobilised with the Battalion at the outbreak of the war and was soon after gazetted Captain. He went with the Battalion to Aden and later served in India. His prowess at rugby was displayed there and he captained the Brecknock Battalion Team that won the All India Army Cup. He was transferred to the Machine Gun Corp with which he served in Palestine and France and he was wounded on the Western Front. On the reorganisation of the Territorial Army in 1920 he was appointed second in command of the Brecknock Battalion and retained that position when the Battalion was amalgamated with the 3rd Monmouthshire in 1922. The following year he was given command of the 2nd Monmouthshire Battalion with the rank of Lieut. Colonel. His command of the Battalion for the long period of 10 years was particularly successful and during that time the Battalion won many in camp. Colonel Lewis was given special extension by the War Office to continue in the command and was made Brevet-Colonel. He was interested in all forms of sport. He had played Rugby for Abergavenny and Newport, and hockey for Abergavenny and Monmouthshire. His chief interest was however cricket and for many years he had been the chief stalwart of Abergavenny Cricket Club. He played an increasingly important part in the Club over a number of years, both on the field and in the administration of the Club.

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He took over the Captaincy in 1927

In 1935 when he died aged 44, it was the pre penicillin days and he fell victim to pneumonia. Not only had he been responsible for the Club's success in cricket, but he had also been responsible for much of the secretarial work for fixtures and Treasurer looking after the finances of the Club.

Among the fixtures for 1935 were Chepstow, Barry and Ross there was also a cricket week at Whitson and a full weeks cricket for August. Every date was filled from May 4th to September 19th.

Committee elected- Messrs. WM Chadwick, R.Godfey, ML Beveridge, END Williams, WF Powell, Walter Flinn, H.Robinson, JK Ruther, FW Walder and GH Davies.

Of the 26 matches arranged the Club played 21 matches, winning 10, losing 10 and drawing 1. The teams they beat included Chepstow, Panteg (Twice) Crickhowell (Twice) Brecon (Twice)Pontypool and Builth.

The eleven that played against Crickhowell were- W.Robinson, R.Honeywell, G.O'Daly, T.Adams, I.Cook, H.Sharpe, RH Morgan, J.Dunton, JP Adams, WG Jones, END Williams Although Abergavenny defeated Crickhowell twice they actually played them four times in this period of their history and Crickhowell enjoyed a last minute victory in the May clash at Avenue Road. Abergavenny batted first and made 150-9 declared. W.Robinson (20) R.Honeywell (21) T.Adams (39) and J.Dunton (21) The Reverend WDG Wilkinson the Vicar of Crickhowell taking 6-40. In reply Crickhowell won by 1 wicket in the last over of the match. 152-9. I.Cook 5-55 and Guy O'Daly 3-44



1935 2nd X1 Pictured at Newport Athletic

*Standing L-R- Williams, EG Nash, JR Jonathan, F.Davies, HV Jenkins, A.Pragnell
Seated L-R- JP Adams, W.Robinson, CFR Price (Capt), R.Godfrey, ET Bowen*

Against the Welsh Regiment, Cardiff depot Abergavenny won convincingly. Welsh Depot 97 all out. I.Cook 5-19, P.Lewis 2-15, J.McColville 1-2, AL Pragnell 1-5 and G.O'Daly 1-18.

Abergavenny 170-5 batted on after winning by 9 wickets. G.O'Daly (70) and T.Adams (70)

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WH Robinson (Junior)